

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 8, first full paragraph:

-- Longitudinal slots 24 in the extension 22 firstly allow for the thermal expansion to be extremely well compensated for. These secondly enable a transfer of hydraulic medium to a hydraulic medium storage space 12 which is enclosed by the upper part 4a. This transfer of hydraulic medium is fed from a high pressure space 11. This high pressure space 11 is situated axially between a base 25 of the lower part 4b and a facing base 10 of the housing 2. During a high pressure phase of the play compensation element, the hydraulic medium is pushed axially upwards between the outer casing 14 of the pressure piston 4 and the bore 3 of the housing 2 and enters the longitudinal slots 24 by means of apertures 20 ~~12~~ between the studs 19.--